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Ukraine Passes Biotech Labeling Requirements 2007

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Report Highlights:

The Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers adopted Decree # 985 on August 1, 2007, requiring the government of Ukraine to begin labeling biotech food products that contain GMO elements above 0.9 percent. The decree calls for labeling to be in place no later than November 1, 2007. Baby food that contains biotech products cannot be imported, produced or sold in Ukraine.

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On August 1, 2007, the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers adopted Decree # 985, requiring the labeling of biotech products no later than November 1, 2007. All food imports or products sold domestically that have a content of 0.9 percent or above of biotech products are required to be labeled. The decree states that this action was taken to conform to European Union norms.

Ukraine had a similar requirement for many years that was never enforced. It remains to be seen if Ukraine will be able to enforce such a measure by November 1, 2007. Ukraine has no functioning regulatory or approval process for products of agricultural biotechnology so some experts expressed concern that this action is premature.

Decree # 985 is translated as follows:

CABINET OF MINISTERS

DECREE dated August 1, 2007, # 985

Food product sales that contain GMO organisms and microorganisms.

To carry out the Laws of Ukraine "Concerning Consumers' Rights Protection" and "Concerning Baby Food" and with the purpose of Ukrainian legislation harmonization to European Union norms, the GOU resolves:

1. Food product imports and sales that contain GMO organisms and micro organisms in the amounts of 0.9 percent (or above), must be carried out with necessary labeling and indication of quality content of the products.

Baby food imports, production and sales are prohibited if these products contain GMO organisms and microorganisms.

2. To the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agricultural Policy, State Committee of Technical Regulation and Consumption Policy - to assure the fulfillment of this decree.

3. The Decree will be enforced on November 1, 2007.

Prime Minister of Ukraine
V. Yanukovich